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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ratan K. Chaudhuri

Examiner: Patricia A. Leith

Serial No.: 10/691,959

Group Art Unit: 1654

Filed: October 24, 2003

Title: METHOD FOR PROTECTING OS SKIN AGAINST SUN-INDUCED  
DAMAGE BY ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXTRACT OF EMBLICA  
OFFICINALIS, (syn. PHYLLANTHUS EMBLICA)

**PETITION TO ACCEPT A DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.55(c)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Applicants request that a delayed claim for priority be accepted to US 60/424,712 filed with the USPTO on November 8, 2002. A reply concurrently filed with this petition inserts the priority claim to US 60/424,712 into the first paragraph of the application.

The surcharge of \$1,370.00 set forth in § 1.17(t) is attached.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(1) of this section and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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